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Attorney's Docket No. 022701-907

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Isabelle JOUVE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
Application No.: 09/719,839) Examiner: M. Moon
Filed: March 14, 2001) Confirmation No.: 5002
For: METHOD FOR PREPARING P-)
HYDROXYMANDELIC COMPOUNDS)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is _____
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	27	MINUS 26 =	1	× \$18.00 (103) =	18.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$18.00

[X] A claim fee in the amount of \$ 18.00 is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 19, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

--28. (New) A process for producing hydroxyarylacetic acids comprising reducing the
optionally substituted ρ -hydroxymandelic compounds obtained according to the process of
claim 27.